

Cambridge Apr. 29. 1775

This may certify that the bearer
Mr Paul Revere is messenger to the Committee of safety
and that all dispatch and assistance be given him in
all instances, that the business of the Colony may be
facilitated.

Joseph Warren Chair

Paul Revere's Commission as Messenger

It was Joseph Warren who, on the evening of April 18, 1775, sent for Paul Revere and begged him to set off at once for Lexington to alert John Hancock and Samuel Adams to the fact that the British were on the march to seize them and the military stores at Concord. Although William Dawes, the other messenger, left Boston before Revere, it was Revere who first arrived to alert the two hunted patriots.

Several weeks after signing this Commission, General Warren was killed at Bunker Hill.

Lent to The Freedom Train by Dr. A. S. W. Rosenbach